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In re Application of: Westerlage, et al.  
Serial No.: 08/976,294  
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Examiner: E. Cosimano  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING  
TAX OF A VEHICLE

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Applicants thank the Examiner for conducting a telephonic interview with them on March 25, 1999 and for recording the substance of the interview in an Interview Summary. Applicants file this Response only to clarify their understanding on several points discussed during the interview. To begin, Applicants disagree with any of the Examiner's remarks that are not consistent with the scope of the claims. For example, in specific regards to Claims 38,

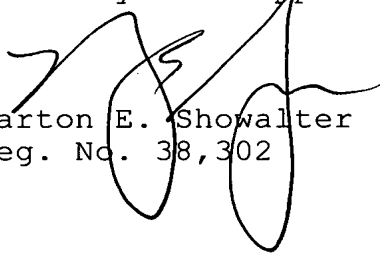
45, and 51, Applicants did not rely on the fact that the transmission condition was repeatable. Moreover, although Applicants used an example in which the vehicle in *Haendel* downloaded data only at the end of the day, the main thrust of Applicants' argument was that *Haendel* only teaches downloading data when the vehicle returns to its home base, regardless of when, or how often, that may occur. Finally, in view of the arguments that Applicants presented, Applicants understand the Examiner to have agreed that the combination of *Gooch* and *Haendel* **does not** "provide a system which would work as claimed."

**Conclusions**

No fees are believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker & Botts, L.L.P.

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